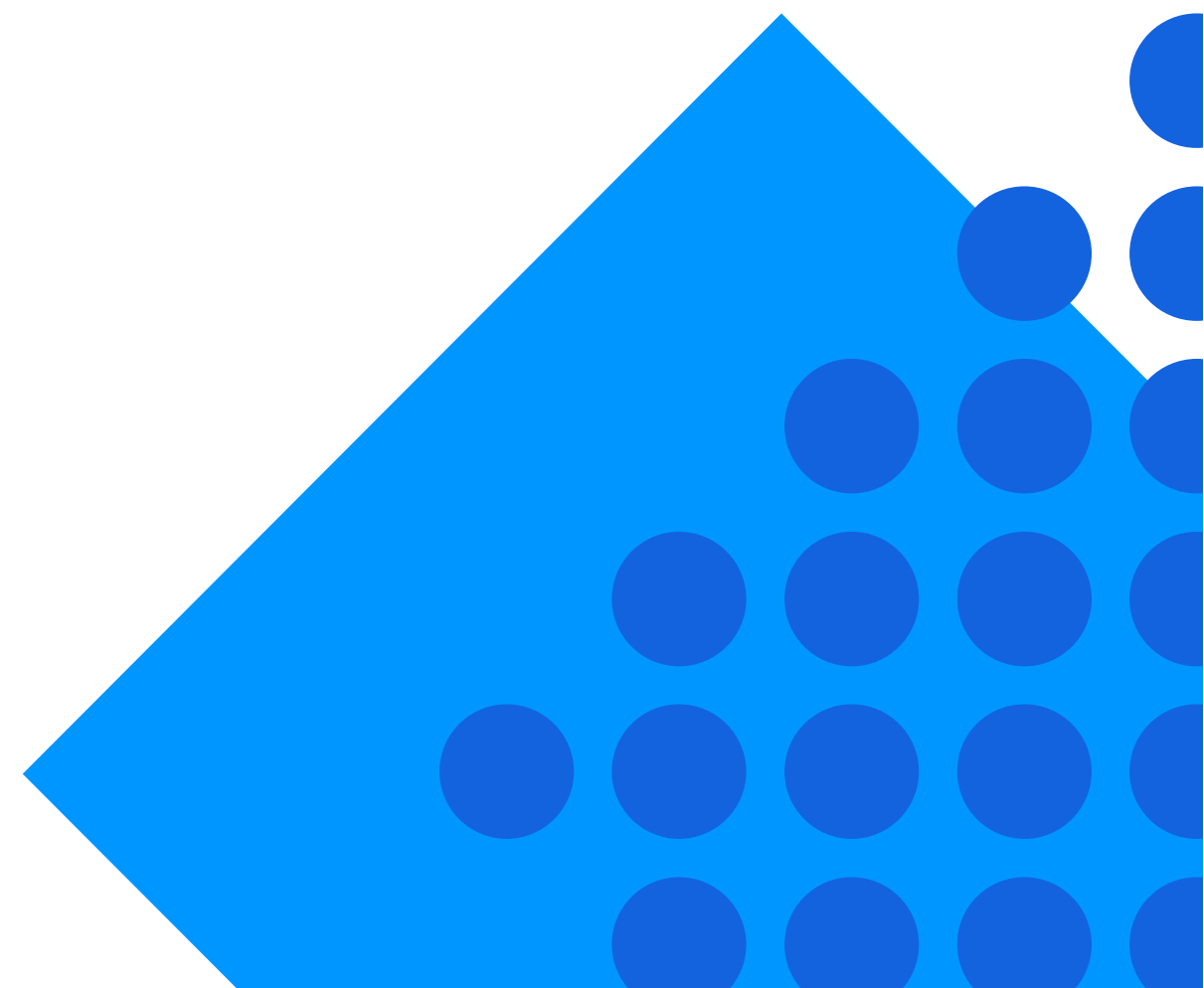




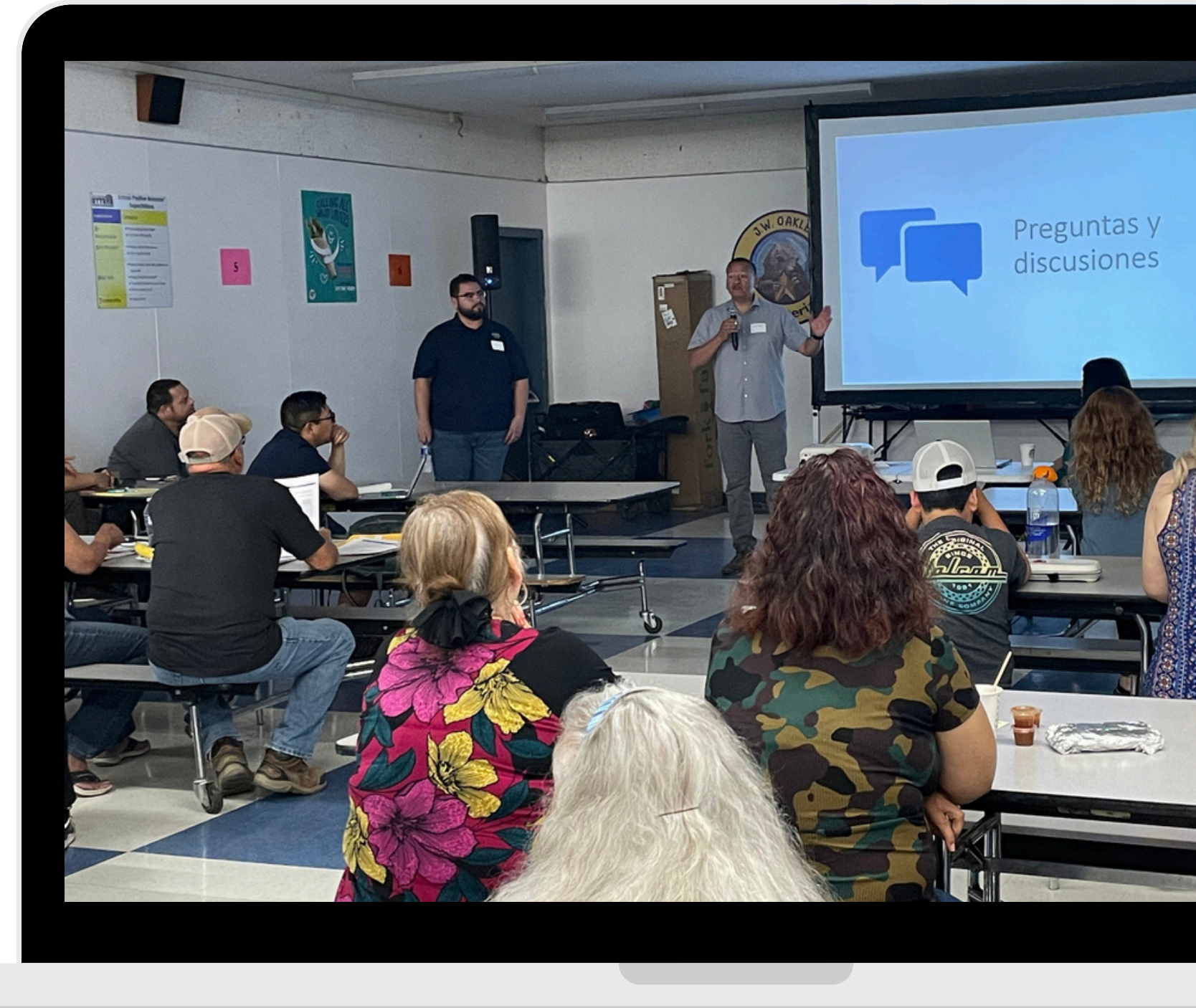
Progress Report

June 2023- May 2024



Who we are

“Informed people build healthy communities”, Comité Civico del Valle (CCV) was founded on this principle and continues to incorporate this mission statement in all partnerships, research studies, and civic engagements initiated or composed by our organization. CCV’s extensive background and accomplishments date back to our grassroots origins in 1987. In over three decades of serving the communities of Imperial Valley, CCV now serves various California communities through collaborative efforts with other established Environmental Justice organizations and in partnership with researchers, academia, and government agencies.





Overview Of Work

Engage Imperial Valley communities, with a focus on fence-line residents, to develop a research plan, organize community forums to collaborate and share research, and coordinate with Imperial County staff and consultants.



Overview Of Work

Host community workshops to solicit input on research, inform final recommendations, and present final reports. Our scope has added the additional option of printed educational material distribution to stakeholders.

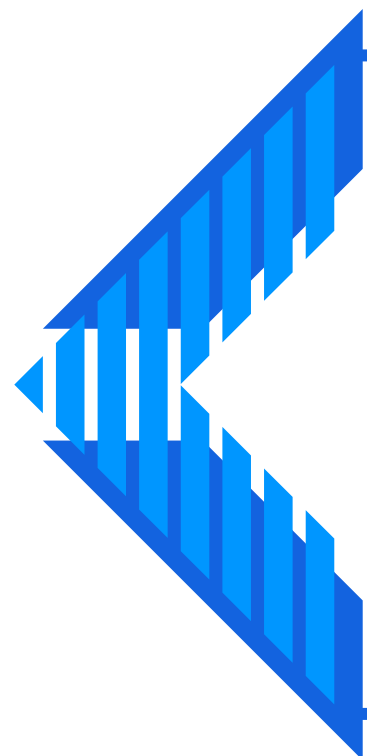




Community education sessions for
frontline communities

Q1 Progress:

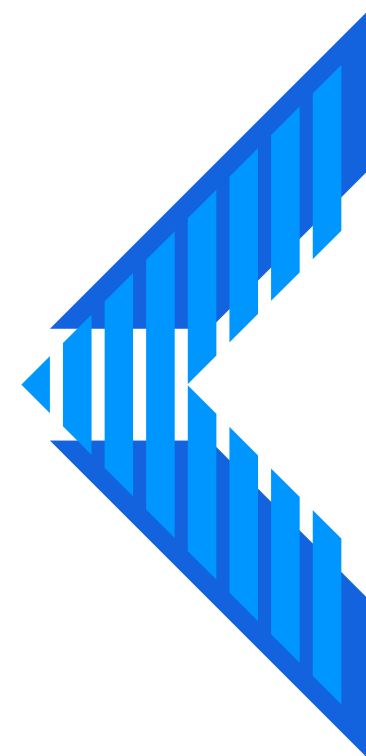
- Spoke with over 100 residents across Calipatria, Westmorland, Niland, and Bombay Beach
- 3 hour community workshop launched in Bombay Beach
- Hiring of 2 staff members, another to be hired
- Contracting of the Equity Technical Advisory Group (ETAG) was completed.
- ETAG did a review of the materials presented by Imperial County consultants for planning documents of Lithium Valley.
- Hosted first community workshop in Bombay Beach. Community conversations around concerns and questions about development of LV (water, air quality, public health).



Communities

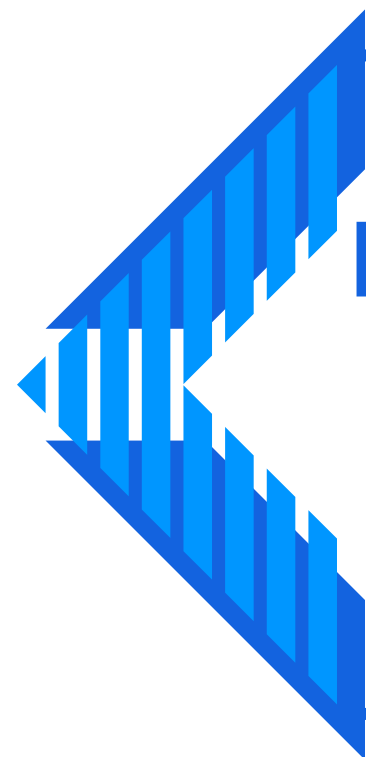
Conversations in 3 communities:

- Bombay Beach
- Niland
- Calipatria



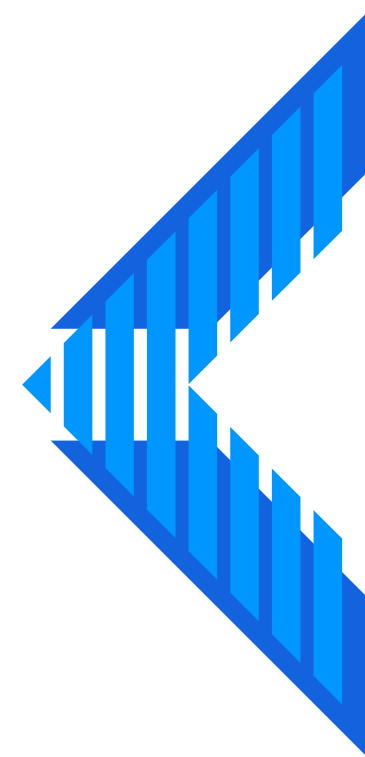
Engagement

Over 100 community conversations.



Materials

One synthesized presentation of publicly available materials.



Referral

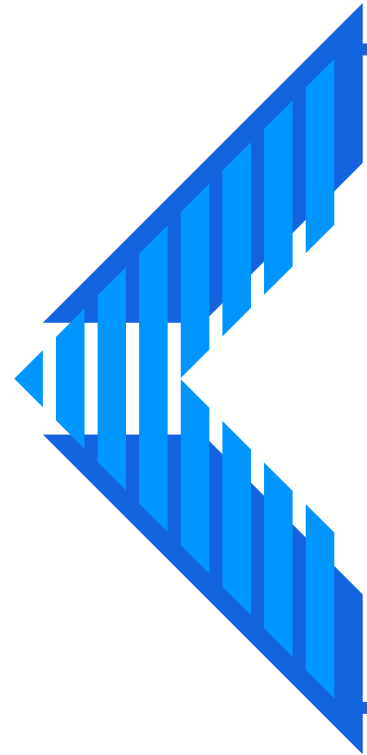
Referred 20 interested residents of Northend communities to educational material.



Community education sessions for
frontline communities

Q2 Progress:

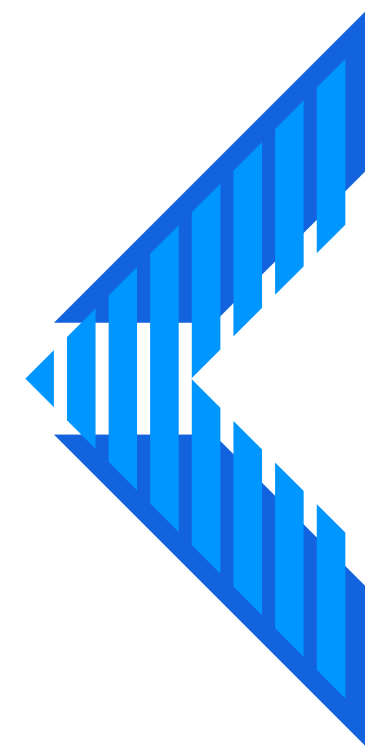
- Community workshop in Calipatria
- Calipatria community canvassing
- ETAG review of planning documents
- Participation in the Environmental Justice working group
- Coordination with Imperial County & consultants
- Review and outreach of Draft Environmental Impact Report
- Outreach & engagement at the Environmental Health Leadership Summit
- Panel on the Programmatic EIR with Imperial County, ETAG, and IC Grantee



Communities

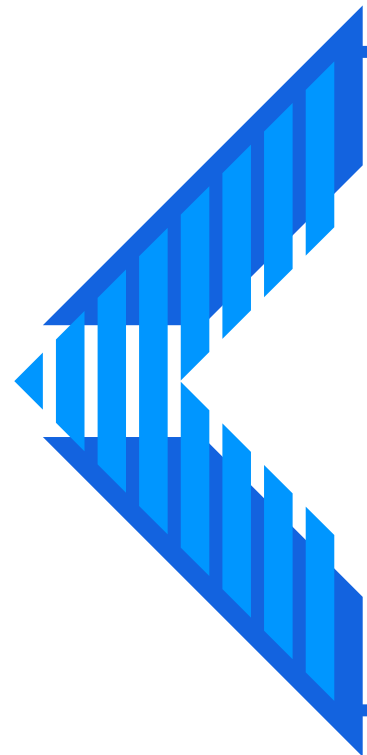
Conversations in 3 communities:

- Brawley
- Westmorland
- Calipatria



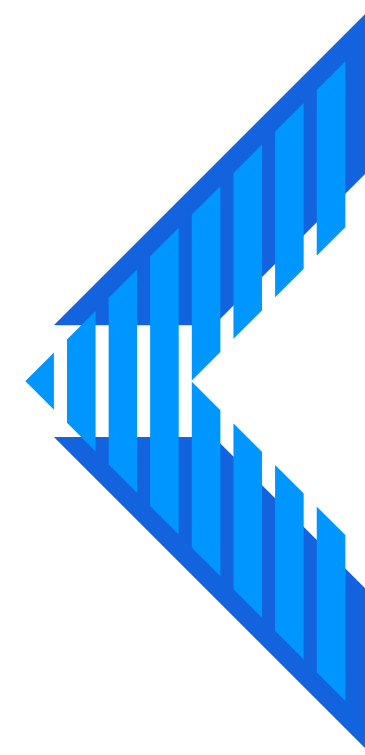
Engagement

Over 300 community conversations.



Events

- 1 community workshop
- 1 panel presentation
- 1 tabling event



Planning

5 Equity Technical Advisory Group meetings to plan, discuss, and review materials for community engagement.

Issue 1

LITHIUM VALLEY:

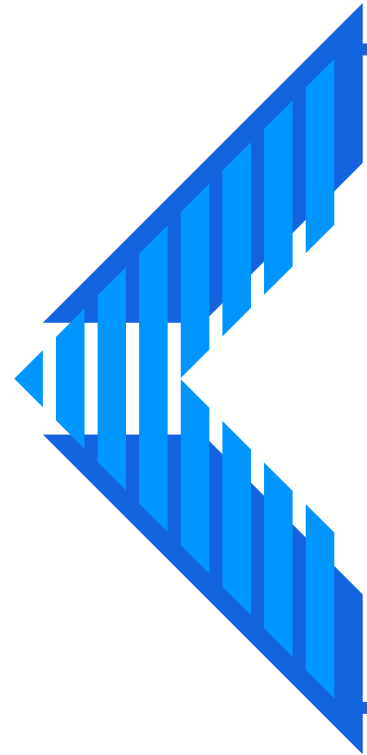
Scoping Period

2024

Community education for frontline
communities

Q3 Progress:

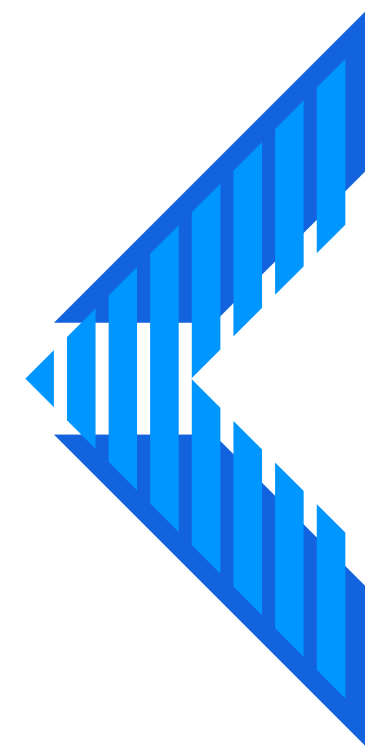
- Scoping period preparation
- Lithium Valley zines
- Direct 1-on-1 community conversations
- Material pick-up points
- Review of the Scoping Period materials for the Specific Plan by the Equity Technical Advisory
- Community education through 1-on-1 conversations supplemented by the printed Lithium Valley zines.
- Planned 6 volumes of LV zines to be released in lead up to the DRAFT Programmatic EIR in the upcoming months.



Communities

Conversations in 2 communities

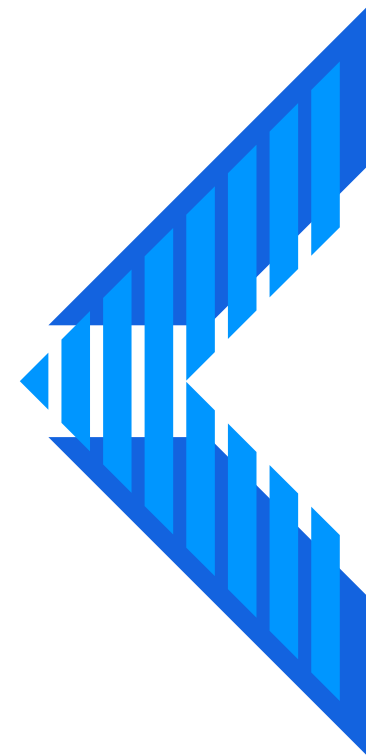
- Niland
- Calipatria



Engagement

Over 150 community conversations.

Over 200 materials distributed to individuals and public locations.



Planning

3 Equity Technical Advisory Group meetings

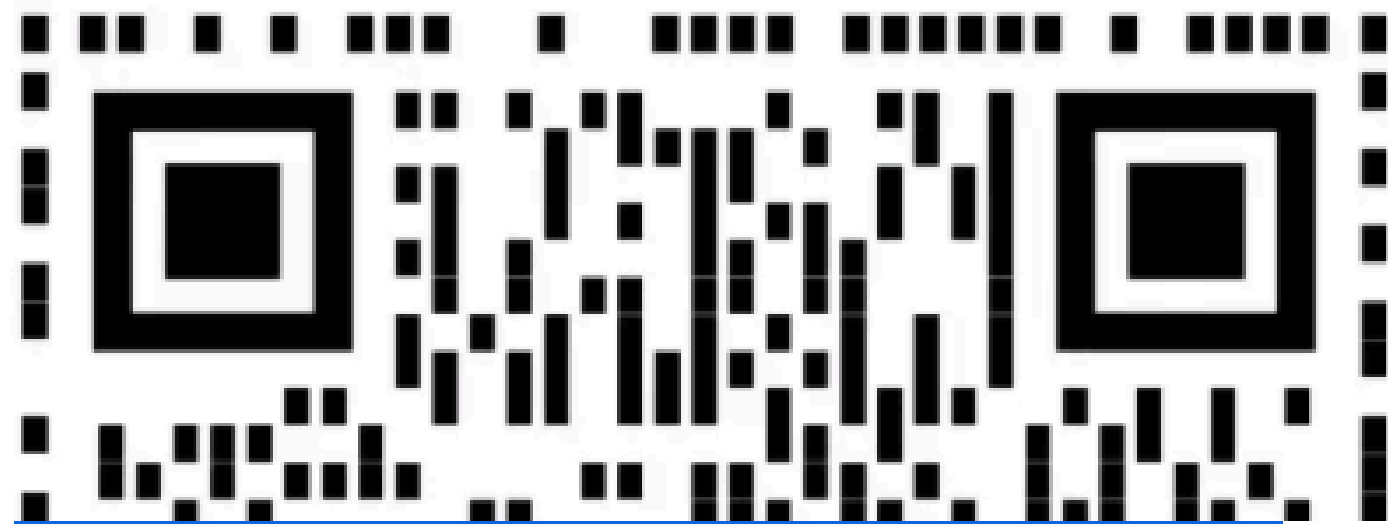
1 Zine distributed

5 Zines outlined and in design phase

Issue 2

LITHIUM VALLEY

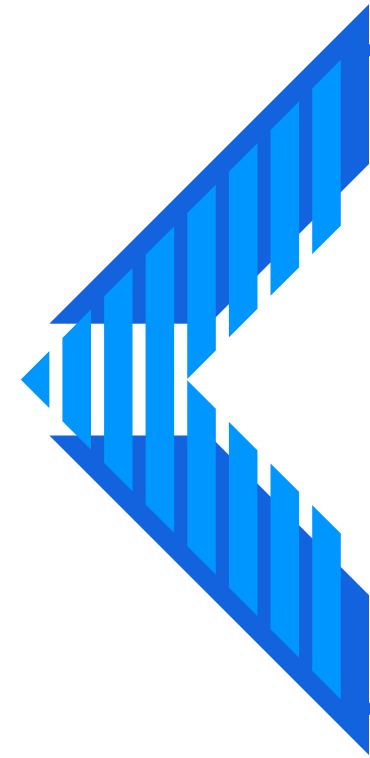
Land Use Alternatives



Community education for frontline communities

Q4 Progress:

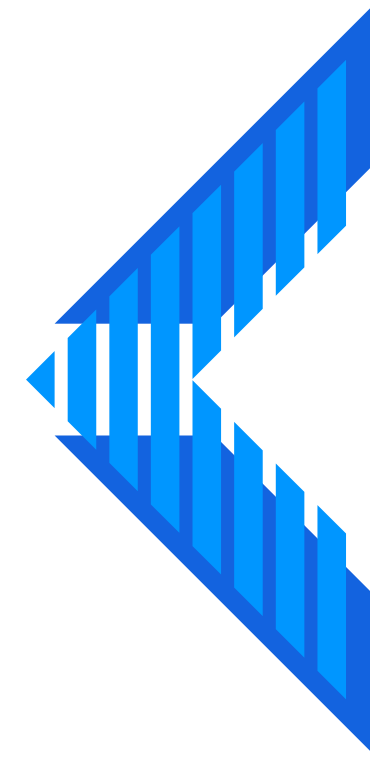
- Land Use Alternatives zine preparation
- Conducted 3 tabling events, 2 presentations, 1 workshop
- Direct 1-on-1 community conversations Material pick-up points
- Review proposed Land Use Plan and Draft Specific Plan Outline by the Equity Technical Advisory
- Community education through 1-on-1 conversations supplemented by the printed Lithium Valley zines and Coloring worksheets.
- Planned 6 volumes of LV zines to be released in lead up to the DRAFT Programmatic EIR in the upcoming months.



Communities

Conversations in 5 communities

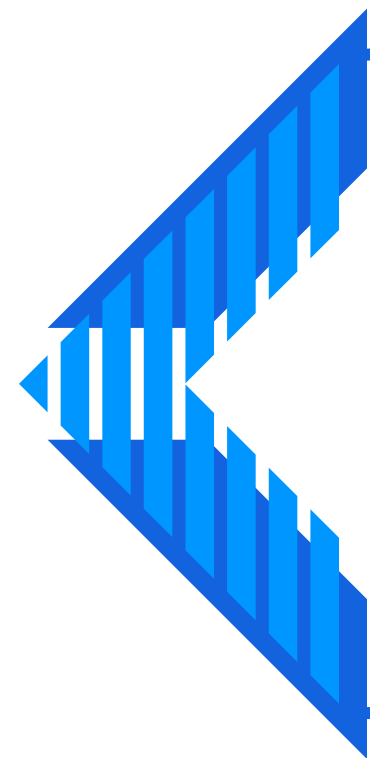
- Niland
- Calipatria
- Brawley
- Calexico
- El Centro



Engagement

Over 300 community conversations.

Over 750 materials distributed to individuals and public locations.



Events

3 Tabling Events
2 Presentations
1 Workshop

Communities

Conversations in 8 communities

Engagement

Over 750 community conversations.

Over 950 materials distributed to individuals and public locations.

Planning

10 Equity Technical Advisory Group meetings
Provided information on Scoping Period and Land Use Alternatives
5 Zines outlined and in design phase

SUMMARIZED PROGRESS

Materials

Synthesized presentations of publicly available materials.

Events

5 targeted-community presentations
1 expert panel presentation
Multiple tabling events

Referrals

Referred over 100 interested Northend community residents to educational materials and relevant programs.

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